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STATEMENT OF  
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Since my testimony last April before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on the subject of releasing the Intelligence Community's aggregate budget figure, I have reexamined the question and discussed the situation with the members of the National Foreign Intelligence Board. I am prepared today to essentially reiterate my Senate testimony in not objecting to the release of a single inclusive budget figure which represents the Intelligence Community's budget. However, I wish to reemphasize and repeat the several important qualifications I discussed at that time.

The techniques of intelligence collection and analysis change with time and with technology. The breakdown of the intelligence budget accurately reflects those changes. Over time, analysis of that breakdown could reveal to any interested observer our areas of interest and the technologies on which we depend. From such information, others could learn where they should place emphasis in countermeasures in order to nullify the advantages that we have.